

Re-purposing the Silver Lake Reservoir

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 [Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District](#)

Friend --

I have several updates out of Silver Lake that I want to share with you, especially since each one might affect constituents in every part of my district.

First, last weekend I went door-to-door to visit neighbors around Dillon Street for my monthly [Councilmember in Your Corner](#) event. I shared with residents that I collaborated with the Bureau of Street Lighting on a pilot program to add more lights to better illuminate the 101 Freeway underpass, making it safer for pedestrians and eliminating the potential for any illegal activity. The news was well received, and I plan on implementing this project in other underpasses throughout the district.

Next, we celebrated some much needed sidewalk enhancements to the intersection of Micheltorena Street and Sunset Boulevard near Micheltorena Elementary. The work included the installation of 'bump outs' to extend the sidewalk and increase accessibility, re-striping the crosswalks for improved visibility, upgrading dozens of traffic signals, and installing six new lights on the Micheltorena stairs to help pedestrians feel even safer at night. There are many people who made this project possible, as you'll read in the post below.

Finally, [I went on a tour of the Silver Lake Reservoir](#), which is currently undergoing a major diversion project due to federal mandates on water storage. As a result, the community is now left with a blank canvass -- an opportunity to re-envision the reservoir, dream big, and think of ways to repurpose the area.

I will now lead the efforts, along with my colleague Councilmember David Ryu, to start this conversation. I want an all-in approach, and I am looking forward to hearing your ideas. We will have community meetings on this topic in the coming months, and I will let you know when we have secured some dates.

Warm regards,

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